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(C) Post delivered reftel points on May 14 to MFA Second Secretary Pornprom Petklai regarding the upcoming APDP launch in Mongolia. In response, Pornprom requested further details about participating countries. Pornprom also said the MFA would seek further clarification from the Department through the Thai Embassy in Washington. Pornprom said the MFA remained interested in participating in the Mongolia Election Observer Mission, but reiterated that further details on participating countries would help them determine Thai representation; in a follow-up discussion on May 27, she said she was not certain that a "tipping point" had been reached to secure sufficiently broad participation to ensure the APDP's successful launch. The final decision about Thai participation will be made by Virasakdi Futrakul, the Permanent Secretary, when he returns to the office the week of June 2-6. We will continue to work this issue with the MFA.

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